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Sent: 1/31/2019 9:55:31 PM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
CC: LEE, LILY [LEE.LILY@EPA.GOV]
Subject: RE: Revised draft: For legal review: SF Chronicle responses. Due TODAY 3pm.

Ok, thanks! Will send shortly.

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Yes, OK to send.

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Hi John,
Have you heard anything from Angeles? I need to get back to the reporters in the next hour.
Thank you!

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From: Chesnutt, John
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I'll tell Angeles our response plan and get back to you.

On Jan 31, 2019, at 9:57 AM, Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, John. Kelly just reviewed and agreed. Does anyone else in SFD management need to review?

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From: Chesnutt, John
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Subject: Re: Revised draft: For legal review: SF Chronicle responses. Due TODAY 3pm.

Looks good to me.

On Jan 31, 2019, at 8:35 AM, Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov> wrote:

Here's an updated draft:

"Attached is a letter, dated January 23rd, 2019, from the Navy, which was sent in response to the December 18th, 2018, letter regarding the potential conflict of interest by contractor employees at the Department of the Navy's former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard site.

EPA does not have anything further to add ~~at this time~~.

For more information on this letter, contact William Franklin, Navy public affairs officer, (619) 524-5433, william.d.franklin@navy.mil."

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From: Calvino, Maria Soledad
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Cc: Yogi, David <Yogi.David@epa.gov>; Harris-Bishop, Rusty <Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov>
Subject: For legal review: SF Chronicle responses. Due TODAY 3pm.
Importance: High

Hi Lily, Michele, and John,
Here's the proposed response to the Chronicle. Let me know what you think. Thank you!

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Inquiry:

We're researching a story about two former Tetra Tech EC employees who now work for the Navy contractor Battelle Memorial Institute, which is overseeing the radiological re-sampling process at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard.

In response to a records request, the state health department provided us with a December 18, 2018 letter from Karen L. Smith and Barbara A. Lee to a Navy official (the letter is attached to this email). The letter raises concerns about a "potential conflict of interest" related to these two individuals.

The letter was also cc:ed to the EPA, so we wonder if the EPA agrees with the state's concerns here. Has EPA weighed in with the Navy or the state on this specific issue of former Tetra Tech employees now working for Battelle? And does EPA agree with the state that the Navy should "take immediate action prior to the start of resampling of Parcel G to help restore confidence in the integrity of the resampling and any potential cleanup at the Hunters Point site"? If so, what sort of action should the Navy take?

Our deadline is 3 p.m. this Thursday.

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